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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action signed December 19, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 17 and add new claims 18-21 as follows:

18. A method as recited in recited in claim 12, comprising the further step of:
 - (4) providing a user of the electronic card with a replacement electronic card after the low battery indicator has been submitted to the money source.

19. A method for submitting a battery life signal from an electronic card to a money source, comprising the steps of:
 - (1) using the electronic card to conduct a payment card transaction in which a payment card number and a user identifier are submitted to the money source as part of an approval process;
 - (2) executing a program on a computer of the electronic card to check for a battery life parameter and generate the battery life signal; and